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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/572)*]

58/263. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the revenue-producing activities of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations system revenue-producing activities[1] and the comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[2]

1. *Agrees* with the concepts expressed in paragraph (*a*) of recommendation 1 of the Joint Inspection Unit[1] concerning consolidation of the management of revenue-producing activities on the basis of sound business practices, bearing in mind the related legislative mandates, and awaits with interest the specific proposals of the Secretary-General;

2. *Takes note* of paragraph (*b*) of recommendation 1 of the Unit[1] and the related comments of the Secretary-General;[2]

3. *Endorses* recommendation 2 of the Unit;

4. *Notes* paragraph (*a*) of recommendation 3 of the Unit, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-eighth session on the possibility of operating guided tours, bookstores and gift shops at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the cost implications thereof;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of selling products of the gift centre and the book shop via the Internet, in addition to existing arrangements;

6. *Endorses* paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of recommendation 3 of the Unit, and agrees with the comments of the Secretary-General in connection with paragraph (*a*) of that recommendation;

[1] See A/57/707.
[2] See A/57/707/Add.1.

7. *Recognizes* that in its recommendation 4 the Unit outlines some general factors that should be considered in connection with the outsourcing of revenue-generating activities in the framework of approved outsourcing policies;

8. *Agrees* with the comments of the Secretary-General in connection with recommendation 5, and looks forward to further proposals of the Secretary-General concerning the United Nations Postal Administration consequent to its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002;

9. *Agrees also* that the competent legislative organs, when considering strengthening the policy frameworks for revenue-generating activities in their organizations, should consider drawing on the objectives set out by the Unit in its recommendation 6, bearing in mind the specificities of each organization and the comments of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination with respect to the generation of income from intellectual property;

10. *Agrees further* with the comments of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination on recommendation 7 of the Unit;

11. *Endorses* recommendation 8, which should not affect existing practices concerning the free distribution of public information materials;

12. *Also endorses* recommendation 9, and agrees with the Chief Executives Board for Coordination that the application of this approach needs to be tailored to the specific objectives and circumstances of the organizations concerned;

13. *Takes note* of recommendations 11 to 13 of the Unit and the related comments of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

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